

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
LOS ANGELES REGION**

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**Public Notice No. 19-002
NPDES No. CA0059153**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**PROPOSED REISSUANCE
OF
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
(National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit)**

DISCHARGER	DISCHARGE LOCATION	RECEIVING WATER
Tesoro Refining & Marketing Company LLC Tesoro Los Angeles Refinery – Calciner Operations	2450 Pier B Street, Long Beach, California	Cerritos Channel within the Los Angeles-Long Beach Inner Harbor

Tesoro Refining & Marketing Company LLC (Discharger or Tesoro) is the owner and operator of the Tesoro Los Angeles Refinery – Calciner Operations, (Facility) located at 2450 Pier B Street, Long Beach, California. The Facility discharges up to 1.1 million gallons per day (MGD) of treated storm water commingled with process wastewaters consisting of boiler safety relief system blowdown, boiler feed water pump seal flush, green coke drainage, miscellaneous wash waters, and cooling tower overflow to the Cerritos Channel, within the Los Angeles-Long Beach Inner Harbor a water of the United States. The discharge is regulated by Order R4-2013-0157, which was adopted on October 3, 2013, and it expired on November 22, 2018. Order R4-2013-0157 also serves as a permit under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Program. The discharge is also regulated under Time Schedule Order R4-2013-0158, adopted on October 3, 2013, it expired on November 22, 2018. On May 15, 2018, the Discharger filed a report of waste discharge (ROWD) and submitted an application for renewal of its waste discharge requirements (WDRs) and the NPDES permit. Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 2235.4, the terms and conditions of an expired permit are automatically continued pending reissuance of the permit if the Discharger complies with all federal NPDES requirements for continuation of expired permits.

The Facility is a petroleum coke calcining facility. The green coke comes from Tesoro's Carson Refinery and is transported by truck and occasionally by rail car to the Facility. The green coke (petroleum coke from a refinery's coke unit) runs through a large rotary kiln to remove water and other impurities to produce calcined coke. The industrial and sanitary wastewaters generated by the Facility are discharged into a sanitary sewer under an industrial pretreatment permit issued by the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (Permit No. 015671).

The Facility has a reverse osmosis (RO) system utilized to treat potable water (from the City) to be used as boiler feed water. The potable water that is rejected by the RO system is conveyed to the cooling tower. The RO system generates a salt-free water for use as cooling water. The RO unit concentrates the removed salts into a softener flush water stream, which is discharged to the industrial sewer under LACSD Permit No. 015671.

The remaining wastewaters generated by the Facility, which consist of storm water commingled with process wastewaters (boiler safety relief system blowdown, boiler feed water pump seal flush, green coke drainage, miscellaneous wash waters, and cooling tower overflow) are discharged to surface waters only when the retention basin reaches full capacity. The Facility's impervious areas are sloped to convey storm water and process waters to one of two lift stations which pump collected water to the Facility's settling basins. Two, concrete-lined, 2-compartment settling basins (eastern and western basin; 110,000 gallons each) used for removal of settleable solids serves as the treatment systems. Following treatment in the settling basins, the waste stream flows into a 680,000-gallon retention basin for additional settling and neutralization with sulfuric acid (as needed). The treated wastewater is recycled back to the Facility for use as cooling water under normal, dry-weather operations.

When the retention basin reaches full capacity, usually during or following significant storm events, the treated wastewater is discharged from Discharge Point No. 001 to the Cerritos Channel, a water of the United States and a tributary to Los Angeles-Long Beach Inner Harbor within the Dominguez Channel/Los Angeles-Long Beach Harbor Watershed. No discharges occurred during the term of Order No. R4-2013-0157. The most recent discharge event occurred in January 2005.

Based on preliminary staff review and application of lawful standards and regulations, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region, tentatively proposes to issue waste discharge requirements, including effluent limitations and special conditions.

HEARING DATE AND LOCATION

Date: March 14, 2019
Time: 9:00 AM
Location: Port of Long Beach, Hearing Room
4801 Airport Plaza Drive
Long Beach, California

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

The Report of Waste Discharge, related documents, tentative requirements, comments received, and other information received on the discharge are available for inspection and copying between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the following address:

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Los Angeles Region
320 West 4th Street, Suite 200
Los Angeles, CA 90013

The tentative permit requirements are available on the Regional Water Board website at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/permits>. Arrangements for file review and/or obtaining copies of the documents may be made by calling the Los Angeles Regional Water Board at (213) 576-6600. The entire file will become a part of the administrative record of this proceeding, irrespective of whether individual documents are specifically referenced during the hearing. The entire file will not be present in the hearing room. Should any interested persons desire staff to bring to the hearing any particular documents that are not included in the agenda packet, they must

submit a written or electronic request to staff during business hours, not later than [5] business days before the hearing. The request must identify the documents with enough specificity for staff to locate them.

NATURE OF HEARING

This will be a formal adjudicative hearing pursuant to section 648 et seq. of title 23 of the California Code of Regulations. Chapter 5 of the California Administrative Procedure Act (commencing with section 11500 of the Government Code) will not apply to this proceeding.

Ex Parte Communications Prohibited: As a quasi-adjudicative proceeding, no board member may discuss the subject of this hearing with any person, except during the public hearing itself. Any communications to the Regional Board must be directed to staff.

COMMUNICATIONS WITH STAFF BEFORE THE HEARING

The lead staff member responsible for this item is:

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PARTIES TO THE HEARING

The following are the parties to this proceeding:

1. The applicant/permittee

Any other persons requesting party status must submit a written or electronic request to staff not later than twenty business days before the hearing. All parties will be notified if other persons are so designated.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND SUBMITTAL OF EVIDENCE

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the tentative waste discharge requirements, or submit evidence for the Board to consider, are invited to submit them in writing to the above address. To be evaluated and responded to by staff, included in the Board's agenda folder, and fully considered by the Board, written comments must be submitted to the Regional Water Board staff at losangeles@waterboards.ca.gov with a copy submitted to Rosario Aston at Rosario.Aston@waterboards.ca.gov no later than 5:00 p.m. on **February 14, 2019**. Comments or evidence received after that date may be submitted, to the Board for consideration, but only included in the administrative record with express approval of the Chair. Additionally, if the Board receives only supportive comments, the permit may be placed on the Board's consent calendar, and approved without oral testimony.

HEARING PROCEDURE

The meeting, in which the hearing will be a part of, will start at 9:00 a.m. Interested persons are invited to attend. Staff will present the matter under consideration, after which oral statements from parties or interested persons will be heard. For accuracy of the record, all important testimony should be in writing. The Board will include in the administrative record written transcriptions of oral testimony that is actually presented at the hearing. Oral testimony may be limited to three minutes maximum or less for each speaker, depending on the number of persons wishing to be heard. Parties or persons with similar concerns or opinions are encouraged to choose one representative to speak. At the conclusion of testimony, the Board will deliberate in open or close session, and render a decision.

Parties or persons with special procedural requests should contact staff. Any procedure not specified in this hearing notice will be waived pursuant to section 648(d) of title 23 of the California Code of Regulations. Objections to any procedure to be used during this hearing must be submitted in writing not later than close of business 15 business days prior to the date of the hearing. Procedural objections will not be entertained at the hearing.

If there should not be a quorum on the scheduled date of this meeting, all cases will be automatically continued to the next scheduled meeting on April 11, 2019. A continuance will not extend any time set forth herein.

Date: January 15, 2019